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# FOOD INFORMATION CALENDAR

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . June 28; the Senate agreed to the conference report on the price control bill; both Houses agreed to the conference report on a bill to continue priorities powers; the Senate Commerce Committee reported the omnibus flood control bill; the House passed resolutions rejecting the President's three re-organization plans. June 29, the House received the President's message vetoing the price control bill and sustained the veto. The Senate passed bills to appropriate funds for government corporations, to continue Land Bank Commissioner loans, to authorize the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to purchase GI loans, and a bill to provide substantive authority for rural rehabilitation loans (Cooley bill); the President approved bills to continue priorities powers and the Selective Training and Service Act. July 1, the House passed a measure to continue price control until July 20. July 2, the House passed a bill to authorize appropriations to continue the farm labor program for six months, the House agreed to a Senate amendment to the bill to continue Land Bank Commissioner loans (ready for the President). The Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported bills to provide for two additional assistant secretaries of agriculture, to continue federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program for two years; to provide that future peanut allotments and quotas shall be at least as much as in 1941, to prohibit 1947 allotments and quotas on cotton and peanuts, and to provide for a Swan Island animal quarantine station.

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SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS of direct or indirect interest to Agriculture are listed below for your convenience:

- July 10-12--Meeting of Exec. Comm. of the National Agricultural County Agents' Association, at Washington, D. C.
- July 15-22--National Food Preservation Week.
- July 21-27--National Farm Safety Week.
- July 22-25--Mexican-United States Agricultural Commission meeting at Los Angeles (Secretary of Agriculture Gonzales Gallardo will be present with OFAR delegates).
- Aug. 26-30--American Institute of Cooperation, Purdue University, La Fayette, Ind.
- Sept. 3-9---United Nations Week, sponsored by American Association of United Nations.
- Sept. 18-20--Annual meeting of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors at Auburn, Alabama.
- Sept. 12-17--Southern Extension Publications Improvement Workshop, at Auburn, Alabama.
- Oct. 6-12---National Fire Prevention Week.
- Oct. 7-12---National Outlook Conference at Washington, D. C.
- Nov. 2-10---National 4-H Achievement Week.

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HENRY JARRETT TO FAO. . . . Henry Jarrett, former special assistant to the Chief of BAE, has joined the FAO staff as an assistant director of information. He assumed his new duties June 24.

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USDA EXHIBITS SCHEDULED. . . . Department exhibits scheduled for agricultural fairs and livestock shows this year include:

A special 4-H Club exhibit with a frontage over 100 feet, featuring dairy calf raising, home gardening, marketing, canning and clothing projects, health and recreation; Minot, N. D., July 1-6; Escanaba, Mich., Aug. 7-Sept. 1; Chipewewa Falls, Wis., Aug. 6-11.

Livestock and roughage exhibit, with frontage of 140 feet, presenting information on research and pasture culture, economic value of home-grown farm power, swine breeding and feeding, making grass and legume silage, livestock disease prevention and steer feeding principles at Topeka, Kans., Free Fair, Sept. 7-13, and others under negotiations.

Livestock and forage exhibit has a frontage of 125 feet and presents important problems such as use of pasture, roughage or woods to secure soil improvement or conservation without serious loss of income, comparisons of beef yields from fertilized and untreated pastures, factors that make high or low quality hay, breeding for larger lambs, and more wool--Billings, Mont., Aug. 2-17; Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 1-6; Albuquerque, N. Mex., Sept. 29-Oct. 6.

Domestic Enemies display which points out insidious enemies which, unless controlled, will delay recovery by much destruction of natural resources--such as termites, moths, ants, roaches, garden insects, and the common horse fly--Rutland, Vt., Sept. 2-7, and other places not scheduled.

Conservation of farm and forest exhibit, with about 100 feet frontage, presents important land use problems and forest management principles, including erosion control factors and practices--Wisconsin State fair, Milwaukee, Aug. 17-25; Utah State Fair, Salt Lake City, Sept. 16-22; Portland, Oregon, Oct. 5-12.

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AND NOW ONIONS. . . . A fact sheet on onions is being prepared for distribution the week of July 8. It was inspired by an estimated early summer crop of onions of 3,810,000 fifty-pound bags. This compares with 2,224,000 bags as the last 10-year average and 2,792,000 bags last year. The ten States leading in production of the early summer crop are: Ariz., Calif., Iowa, Ky., N. J., N. Mex., Okla., S. C., Va., and Wash.

Although onions are not a Steagall commodity and are not classed as a basic commodity, the Department is expected to make use of this abundant crop as much as possible through direct distribution channels and to stimulate consumer use.

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PRINTS OF "SOME PICKIN," the Department movie on the art of picking cotton, is now available from Agricultural Extension Service film libraries in these States: N. C., S. C., Ga., Ala., Miss., La., Texas, Okla., Ark., Tenn., Ariz., N. Mex., Calif., and Mo.

The film is built around the National Cotton Picking Contest which is held each year at Blytheville, Arkansas, and depicts the how of picking to get the most pounds of high quality cotton. It features the technique of Bill Adams, winner of the last cotton picking contest. "Some Pickin" is a 16 mm. film in black and white, of 2 reels. Running time is 20 minutes.

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SOME USDA RELEASES. . . . USDA buys 1,173,000 pounds of dried eggs--1409;  
Insecticide shortage complicates boll weevil situation--1403; USDA bans sale of whipping cream to consumers--1419;  
Mills to get loan wheat in July in hardship cases--1422;  
FSA reports on loan outlook, 23,150 loans estimated for next 12 mos.--1398;  
March-April delivery figures by USDA for foreign shipment and domestic outlets totals more than 4.1 billion lbs.--1407;  
Forestry and Forest Products Branch of FAO established with headquarters staff in Washington, and regional offices in Europe, S. America, and perhaps Asia, planned--1412;  
Increase in world food output indicated--1417;  
R. F. Hammatt, forest fire prevention director retires, Clinton L. Davis, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., succeeds him--1423;  
PRODUCTION GUIDES FOR 1947 WINTER VEGETABLES--1426;  
SUGGESTED NATIONAL WHEAT GOALS ANNOUNCED--1427;  
Set aside on dry milk announced for July and August--1432;  
F. J. P. Cleary retires as chief of Inquiries and Distribution Service, Office of Information, after 54 years with USDA--1428;  
Cheddar cheese set aside announced for July and August--1433;  
USDA STATEMENT ON FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS AFFECTED BY OPA SITUATION--1437;  
USDA announces no set-asides on creamery butter after 6/30/46--1438;  
Germination labeling requirements for Kentucky bluegrass suspended--1447;  
New amendment affects edible fats and oils distribution--1448;  
1947 flue-cured tobacco quota announced--1446.

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A DIFFERENT COLLEGE WORKSHOP. . . . Reports have been received of a "different" summer workshop training course offered at the N. Dakota Agricultural College, School of Home Economics, Fargo, July 8 to August 15. This workshop is a good example of pioneering that can be very helpful to State extension leaders and instructors in vocational agriculture and home economics. The workshop will feature quick freezing and cold storage at home or in freezer locker plants as a method for preserving foods for family or school lunch use.

Experienced demonstrators and food freezing technicians from USDA will assist the college instructors in the training program. Among them will be Dr. Marion B. Matlack of PMA in Washington and H. B. Bolin of Chicago, who is food preservation specialist for the PMA Midwest work area.

The general public has been invited to take part in the first week of training when practical methods for freezing foods will be demonstrated; considerable publicity has been given the workshop outside the State. Credit will be given to home economic students and others who complete the five weeks of training. A course in village and rural school lunchroom management will also be offered at the workshop July 15 to August 15.

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